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Examiner: Quan, Elizabeth
Group No.: 1743
Ref. No.: RDID 0043 US
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- Transmittal Letter (1pp)
- Fee Transmittal (1pp)(duplicate)
- Amendment and Reply Under 37 CFR 1.111 (17 pp)
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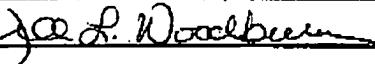
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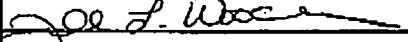
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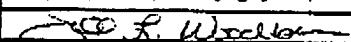
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004, a two-month extension of time, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.